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Permission to engage in outside employment must be obtained annually from the County employee's supervisor. This opinion does not confer permission to engage in outside employment.

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November 8, 2011

Cristina M. Calderon
CALTRAN ENGINEERING GROUP, INC.
1110 SW 101 Ave.
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Re: INQ 11-168, Limitations on Doing Business with the County

Dear Ms. Calderon:

On November 4, 2011, you asked about limitations in doing business with the County through your privately owned company, CALTRAN ENGINEERING GROUP, INC. You are the Deputy Assistant Director of Safety & Security with the Miami-Dade County Seaport Department and the owner and President of CALTRAN ENGINEERING GROUP, INC.

The County Ethics Code at Sec. 2-11.1 (c) allows your company to enter into a contract with Miami-Dade County as long as the contract does not interfere with the full and faithful discharge of your duties to the County. This includes the condition that you do not participate in determining the contract requirements or in awarding the contract. Additionally, none of your job responsibilities and job descriptions may require you to be involved in the contract in any way including, but not limited to, its enforcement, oversight, administration, amendment, extension, termination or forbearance. Finally, you may not work in any County department that will enforce, oversee or administer your contract. In your case, this means that CALTRAN ENGINEERING GROUP, INC., may not enter into contracts with the Miami-Dade County Seaport Department.

This opinion construes the Miami-Dade County Ethics Code as it applies to County employee-vendors at Sec. 2-11.1 (c) only. It is not applicable to any conflicts under other sections of the County Code or to issues related to state or federal laws.

If any of the facts you have presented change or if you have further questions, please feel free to contact me at 305 350-0601.

Sincerely,


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